



MICROCREDIT FOR RECOGNITION OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREES OF VENEZUELAN

The ongoing political, human rights and socio-economic deterioration in Venezuela has led to the outflow of millions of Venezuelans into neighboring countries. USAID supports programs that are helping Venezuelan migrants and refugees secure sustainable livelihoods in their new host countries.

The activity is implemented by World Vision Peru, in partnership with two local organizations, *Union Venezolana* and *Credivision*. The activity assists Venezuelans in obtaining local recognition of their professional and technical degrees and then helping them find work in their corresponding area of expertise. Since the Venezuelan migration crisis began in 2017, World Vision has been providing support to Venezuelan migrants and refugees through its extensive network of volunteers and faith-based partner organizations. This activity is aligned with USAID priorities, including promoting self-reliance and assisting vulnerable populations through increased access to credit and financial services for refugees and migrants; and by reducing barriers to formal employment reduced for refugees and migrants.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The activity is testing a replicable model for facilitating the insertion of Venezuelan professionals and technicians into the formal workforce in Peru. This will be achieved by providing Venezuelans with loans which they will use to pay the fees for recognition of their professional and technical degrees and then connecting them with formal employment opportunities that correspond to their professional or technical training. The process will be thoroughly documented, and, if effective, held out as a scalable model that might benefit the many thousands of Venezuelan professionals and technicians residing in Peru.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Over 290 professional degrees will be certified and the professionals will also receive support for labor market insertion.
- As of December 2020, World Vision had revalidated the degrees of 96 medical doctors of whom 85 are now working as doctors (64 in the private sector and 21 for the public sector). Those in the public sector are assisting with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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